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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRIDGETOWN 1626

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EFIN, EAID, XL, BB  
SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR CARIBBEAN GROUP MEETING

REF: STATE 148142

1. DUE TO ILLNESS OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER, I BRIEFED  
PERMSEC A.W. SYMMONDS THIS NOON ALONG LINES SUGGESTED REFTEL.  
SYMMONDS, WHO WILL BE A MEMBER OF THE GOB DELEGATION TO THE  
GROUP MEETING, RESPONDED TO EACH OF MYPOINTS AS  
FOLLOWS.

2. THE GOB AGREES THAT A MULTILATERAL APPROACH WILL BE BENEFICIAL  
TO THE CARIBBEAN AREA, BUT SYMMONDS ALSO NOTED THAT THERE SHOULD  
BE SOME BILATERAL FLEXIBILITY. SYMMONDS SAID THAT THE GOB HAD  
NO OBJECTION TO ASSISTANCE FLOWING TO JAMAICA AND GUYANA  
BUT WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SHARE IN A LITTLE OF THE OVERFLOW.  
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3. SYMMONDS SAID THE GOB HAD MADE STRONG CASES TO BOTH  
JAPANESE AND WEST GERMAN REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNING  
AN INCREASE IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FLOWS, BUT HE ADDED  
THAT THE GOB THOUGHT THERE WAS LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF  
MOVEMENT IN THE JAPANESE REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE.  
HE SAID THERE WAS A GREATER CHANCE FOR CHANGE IN THE

WEST GERMAN POSITION.

4. SYMMONDS SAID BARBADOS HAD DONE ALL IT COULD IN ITS RECENT BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH TRINIDAD TO CONVINCE THE GOTT THAT IT SHOULD PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN THE GROUP DISCUSSIONS, BUT SYMMONDS SAID THE GOTT WOULD ONLY AGREE TO OBSERVER STATUS. SYMMONDS ADDED THAT UNTIL THE GOTT SUPPORTS THE EXTENSION OF CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE HAITI AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, NO OTHER CDB MEMBER WILL ATTEMPT TO OVERCOME ITS OBJECTIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, SAID SYMMONDS, SHOULD TRINIDAD & TOBAGO ANNOUNCE ITS SUPPORT FOR THE IDEA, THE GOB FEELS MOST OTHER OBJECTIONS WOULD DISAPPEAR.

5. SYMMONDS SAYS THE GOB DELEGATION HAS READ AND WILL BE READY TO DISCUSS AT THE GROUP MEETING ALL THE WORLD BANK STUDIES AND SUGGESTED REFORMS.  
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